

First Nations and Indigenous Community Comments Summary (March 2022) – Proposed Amendments to UHOP & RHOP
 (Post Planning Committee)

Virtual Meetings

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1.	March 10, 2022	Six Nations of the Grand River	<p><i>Cultural Heritage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Existing policies seem to focus on built heritage because indigenous communities of the past did not leave buildings behind. Cultural heritage is embedded in landscapes, and need to consider what state we are leaving these in for future generations. City’s current Land Acknowledgement references treaty that conflicts with previous treaty in 1701 (Fort Albany Treaty). Prefer that reference to 1792 Between the Lakes Purchase be removed. More detailed policies regarding Indigenous engagement should be included. <p><i>Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further discussions required on how affordable is defined. Housing should be available to all, as it is a human right. Concern about further homelessness as LRT is developed and existing housing is removed. Would like to be involved in ongoing discussions with future phases of the Official Plan Review. <p><i>Transportation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Would like to see electric vehicle charging throughout City, as well as encouraging active transportation Would like to see development of alternative ways to move people into and out of the City (rural to urban) <p><i>Climate Related</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> How will green infrastructure be mandated? Support for tree canopy improvements across the City. 	<p><i>Cultural Heritage:</i> B.3.4 recognizes that an Indigenous community may identify a cultural heritage resource that is a landscape.</p> <p>Draft wording to include the existing City of Hamilton (corporate) Land Acknowledgement has been removed until such a time as City has considered revising the statement. Planning Staff will update the UHOP and RHOP with the appropriate Land Acknowledgment wording when it is available.</p> <p>Staff revised the draft UHOP to include an update to F.1.17.8., as well as new Policies F.1.17.8.2 and F.1.17.8.3 to elaborate on consultation protocols with Indigenous communities.</p>

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			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not clear through policies how the City is planning to slow down the effects of climate change • Climate impact adaptation needs to be further considered <p><i>Infrastructure</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like to see policies that go beyond the legislation for developing with energy efficiency in mind <p><i>Growth Management/Firm Urban Boundary</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commends Council for taking the approach of the No Urban Boundary Expansion growth option. 	<p><i>Housing:</i> Comments noted.</p> <p><i>Transportation:</i> Comments noted.</p> <p><i>Climate Related:</i> Policy framework encourages the use of green infrastructure. The City’s Community Energy and Emissions Plan and Sustainable Building and Development Standards are anticipated late 2022.</p> <p>The City is developing an Urban Forest Strategy to increase the urban canopy.</p> <p><i>Infrastructure:</i> Comments noted.</p> <p><i>Firm Urban Boundary:</i> Comments noted.</p>
2.	March 24, 2022	Hamilton Regional Indian Centre (HRIC)	<p><i>Cultural Heritage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acknowledgement sentence speaks to land ownership through reference to Between the Lakes Purchase, whereas land was stolen. 	<p><i>Cultural Heritage:</i> Draft wording to include the existing City of Hamilton (corporate) Land</p>

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			<p>Revision to Land Acknowledgement needs to clearly and truthfully acknowledge who has and continues to benefit from the lands.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Truth and Reconciliation requires admission of truths about how the land was taken from indigenous communities <p><i>Housing</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerned that what is considered ‘affordable’ is no longer accurate for those on fixed income in light of the current housing crisis. Ontario Works only provides \$350 monthly towards housing rent, which is not possible to find for most. Need to supply deeply affordable units for those on a fixed income. <p><i>Transportation</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommends the City reviews and evaluates current user fees for public transit for those on fixed income or who have mental and/or physical disabilities. Consider cargo bikes and how they are classified for usage on the City’s roads. 	<p>Acknowledgement has been removed until such a time as City has considered revising the statement. Planning Staff will update the UHOP and RHOP with the appropriate Land Acknowledgment wording when it is available.</p> <p><i>Housing:</i> Comments noted.</p> <p><i>Transportation:</i> City staff informed HRIC staff of a pilot project that allows children ages 6-12 to ride free with a PRESTO card, and the PRESTO loyalty program enables customers to earn free fare after 8 rides per week instead of 11 rides.</p>
3.	March 25, 2022	Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN)	<p>Mississauga’s of the Credit First Nation provided staff with a history of their community to give context to their comments.</p> <p><i>Cultural Heritage</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City’s Land Acknowledgement needs to be revised. Needs to remove references to indigenous communities that are not treaty-holders for lands within the municipal boundary (i.e., no Erie, Huron-Wendat, etc.). Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant has been 	<p>Staff appreciated the historical overview of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation.</p> <p><i>Cultural Heritage:</i> Draft wording to include the existing City of Hamilton</p>

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			<p>interpreted as an agreement to share the lands, whereas the intent was an agreement between nations not to go to war with one another. Prefer reference to Between the Lakes as a Treaty not as a Purchase as it was meant to be an agreement to share the land, not outright purchase of lands by settlers. Treaty was not meant to take away right to self-determination, stewardship, harvest, and the right to be sustained by the lands and resources. Need to reconcile what these treaties have meant for First Nation communities. Would like reference to MCFN included that recognizes their first occupancy of the lands and their role in the first treaty with settlers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would like reference of engagement with ‘indigenous communities’ changed to ‘First Nations’, those who have treaty rights. • Would like to be involved the next time the Archaeological Management Plan is updated. • Interested in setting up a consultation process with Development Planning, similar to process used in Haldimand County, where MCFN attend pre-consultation meetings and provide comments on certain proposals. 	<p>(corporate) Land Acknowledgement has been removed until such a time as City has considered revising the statement. Planning Staff will update the UHOP and RHOP with the appropriate Land Acknowledgment wording when it is available.</p> <p>Staff revised the draft UHOP to include an update to F.1.17.8., as well as new Policies F.1.17.8.2 and F.1.17.8.3 to elaborate on consultation protocols with Indigenous communities.</p>